

Fiscal Services Division

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Fiscal Note

SF 2264 - Law Enforcement Academy Certification (LSB 5758 SV)

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Description

Senate File 2264 waives the physical requirements for peace officers and civil service employees.

Assumptions

1. Senate File 2264 may increase costs for Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) tuition, workers' compensation, and disability. There is no information available to determine the increased cost of workers' compensation and disability retirement.
2. If a person is sent home and has to complete training at a later time, this results in increased tuition as well as loss of duty time for the law enforcement agency.
3. Currently, five to ten students for each ILEA class fail the physical fitness requirements before being admitted to the ILEA. Of the students admitted, three to six students are sent home over a 12-month period, after passing the physical fitness test. This is approximately 2.5% of the students attending the Academy. The cost associated with three to six students would be minimal.
4. Senate File 2264 would admit between 60 and 90 additional students to the Academy who, under current physical fitness requirements, are declined admittance to the Academy. If the 60 to 90 students suffered injury and were sent home, the costs to all agencies could range from \$30,000 to \$180,000 (partial tuition vs. total tuition). The agency who sends the student would be required to pay the tuition when the student returned unless the injury was caused by ILEA personnel. The agency would also be required to pay workers' compensation claims if the student is injured at the Academy. It is unknown how many of these individuals would apply for admittance and how many would be injured during training. These costs would be in addition to the tuition.
5. The cost to attend the Academy is \$2,000. If a student is injured in the first week of training, they receive all but \$50 back. If a student is injured in the second week, they are reimbursed 75.0% of the cost to attend. If a student is injured in the third week, they pay 50.0% of the Academy costs. If a student is injured in the fourth week, they pay the full 100.0% of tuition expenses.

Fiscal Impact

The cost of SF 2264 to the ILEA is not expected to be significant.

The cost to the county or local agency sending the student to the Academy would range from \$500 to \$2,000 for each student. The actual number of students that would be impacted is unknown. If 60 to 90 students who originally failed to meet physical fitness requirements were admitted and later suffered injury and were sent home, the cost to county and local agencies would range from \$30,000 to \$180,000 annually.

Source

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

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